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SUBJ: RECLASSIFICATION OF CONSULAR POSITION

REF: STATE 179435

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS RECLASSIFICATION OF CONSULAR POSITION NO. 30-3010-202 TO FSO-2 LEVEL AND TITLE OF CONSUL GENERAL.

2. INCUMBENT OF POSITION (A) SERVES AS CHIEF OF A SECTION CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVY CONSULAR ACTIVITY WHICH REQUIRES THE SECTION TO BE ORGANIZED INTO FOUR FUNCTIONAL UNITS; I.E., CITIZENSHIP PASSPORT, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, IMMIGRANT AND NON-IMMIGRANT VISA SECTIONS. DURING FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR A SEPARATE VISA SECTION IN ANOTHER BUILDING IS ESTABLISHED FOR STUDENTS; (B) THE SECTION PROVIDES ALL STATUTORY SERVICES REQUIRED TO SERVE AN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF OVER 21,500 BY THE END OF 1975. THE SHARP INCREASE OF AMERICANS IN IRAN AND THE CONSULAR DISTRICT IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN SERVICE TO AMERICANS AS DEMONSTRATED BY PASSPORT ISSUANCE FIGURES DURING THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEARS:

1974	1975(EST)	1976(EST)
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1,154	1,800	3,000
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ACCOMPANYING SERVICES SUCH AS DEATH AND ESTATES, WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS, REGISTRATIONS, BIRTHS AND ARRESTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO AMCIT POPULATION. AMCIT POPULATION INCREASE IS DEMONSTRATED MOST CONVINCINGLY BY FIGURES FURNISHED BY MILITARY CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL USING 2.3 FACTOR PER PRINCIPAL.

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1974	1975(EST)	1976(EST)	1977(EST)	1978(EST)
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4,430	7,661	10,350	17,121	25,275
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ABOVE DATA REFERS TO MILITARY RELATED CONTRACT PERSONNEL ONLY AND DO NOT INCLUDE THE MANY COMMERCIAL FIRMS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR. (C) INCUMBENT DIRECTS A SECTION COMPOSED OF EIGHT AMERICAN AND TWENTY FSL'S, ADJUSTS WORK FLOW ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET CHANGING SEASONAL DEMANDS, AND DEVELOPS BUDGETARY AND STAFFING NEEDS; (D) PERSONALLY RESOLVES SENSITIVE CASES INVOLVING HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR THOSE WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY TO THE U.S.; (E) IS PERSONALLY REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE AT THE SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING VISAS, WORK PERMITS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BUSINESSMEN AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOI; (F) GIVES ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO TABRIZ, SHIRAZ AND ISFAHAN CONSULATES.

3. VOLUME OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS PROCESSED CONTINUES TO RISE DRAMATICALLY AS SHOWN BY FOLLOWING FIGURES:

CY 1974 CY 1975(EST) CY 1976(EST)

28,000 50,000 70,000

MOST VISAS REQUIRE PERSONAL APPEARANCE AS OPPOSED TO HIGHER VOLUME POSTS WHERE WAIVER IS GRANTED. JULY 1975 ISSUANCE ALONE WAS 7,100.

4. IN SUMMARY, THIS POSITION IS NO LONGER WHAT IT WAS AS LITTLE AS ONE YEAR AGO. WORKLOAD AND RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED IN THAT SHORT TIME, AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE VOLUME WILL CONTINUE TO MOUNT AT THE SAME RATE FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THIS WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY TWO OFFICERS FROM NEA/EX DURING THEIR ORIENTATION VISIT TO TEHRAN AND RECORDED IN A TELEGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICERS BE ASSIGNED TO THIS SECTION DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES O-2 LEVEL POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION AND CONSUL GENERAL TITLE FULLY JUSTIFIED BY ALL CRITERIA AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CONCURRENCE.
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